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Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 44/236 of 22 December 1989, the General Assembly proclaimed the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction and decided, inter alia, that in 1994 the Economic and Social Council was to carry out a mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the Decade and report its findings to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

2. Subsequently, in its resolution 48/188 of 21 December 1993, the Assembly, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its forty-ninth session a report on progress made in the implementation of that resolution.

3. The World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction was held at Yokohama, Japan, from 23 to 27 May 1994 pursuant to Assembly resolution 48/188. A report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the implementation of activities of the Decade (A/CONF.172/4 and Add.1-4) was submitted to the Conference for its consideration.

4. That report will be made available to the Assembly for its consideration at the current session in pursuance of its resolution 48/188.

5. The attention of the Assembly is also drawn to Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/31 of 27 July 1994, entitled "International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction", in which the Council recommends to the Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution on the subject.

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